

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4 and 8-15 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment, claims 4 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form, and claims 5-7 and 16-24 have been amended to depend from allowable amended claim 4. Claims 1-3 and 25-38 have been canceled without prejudice to applicants' rights to prosecute the subject matter thereof in an appropriate continuing application.

The specification and claims also have been amended throughout as suggested by the Examiner to replace the term "anti-arrhythmic" with "arrhythmic" as appropriate. Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out this linguistic informality.

The rejections of claims 1-3, 5-7 and 16-38 have been rendered moot by the forgoing amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

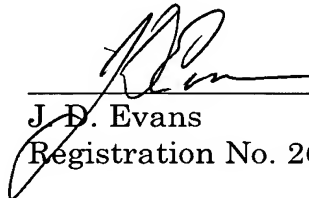
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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